

Administration on Aging

DISASTER SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Services During a Presidentially Declared Disaster

Annually, natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes, and technological disasters may be serious enough that they are Presidentially declared. If you are an older person who has been affected by such a disaster, health problems or a limited income may make it more difficult for you to recover. There are agencies working together to assist you.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR HELP

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

If you are an older person living in a federal disaster area and require disaster assistance, immediately register with FEMA for services, loans, and or grants that may be available to you. Two critical programs include the SBA's low-interest, long-term loan program for homeowners and renters and the FEMA/State Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program which awards grants that do not have to be repaid. If you do not register with FEMA, you will not be eligible to receive these services. These services are only available for a limited time following a disaster. Contact FEMA by:

***Calling: 1-800-462-9029 or
1-800-462-7585 TTY***

Or

Go To: Disaster Application Center (DAC). DACs are locations where representatives of many different programs come together so that disaster victims may apply for disaster services at one location. You will find Disaster advocates, including personnel from Aging services, to help you in completing applications and obtaining services locally.

***Services
during a Non-
Presidentially
Declared
Disaster***

To learn about available local services in a disaster which is not
Presidentially declared, contact :

WHO TO CONTACT FOR HELP

**STATE UNIT ON AGING (SUA) OR AREA AGENCY ON AGING
(AAA)**

These usually listed in the government section of the phone directory
under "aging" or "elderly services." If you cannot find the number, turn
to either our **Directory of State Agencies on Aging** at
<http://www.aoa.gov/aoa/pages/state.html>, or call the **Eldercare Locator**, a
nationwide toll-free referral service at:

1-800-677-1116

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET

AoA provides leadership, technical assistance, and support to the national aging
network of 57 State and Territorial Units on Aging, 655 Area Agencies on Aging, 300
Tribal organizations, and thousands of service providers, adult care centers, caregivers
and volunteers.

**Questions about Disaster Assistance Activities under the Older Americans Act
should be addressed to Irma Tetzloff (202) 619-3268 or Marla Bush (202) 619-3996
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